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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON U.S. MEDICAL EDUCATION

1. APRIL 22 NIGERIAN TIDE IN BANNER HEADLINED STORY "IT'S ACADEMIC BOMBSHELL," REPORTS "U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT LETTER TO AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS" INDICATED "THAT ONLY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL VACANCIES OPEN IN AMERICAN COLLEGES OF MEDICINE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED AFRICAN STUDENTS." ARTICLE NOTES " THE LETTER FURTHER SPECIFIED THAT EVEN FOR THIS PROVISION ONLY THOSE WITH FIRST DEGREES WOULD BE ADMITTED." AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE RIVERS STATE GOVERNMENT (RSG) HAS TAKEN STEPS TO REVIEW SCHOLARSHIPS ALREADY AWARDED TO STUDENTS OF THE STATE CURRENTLY STUDYING MEDICINE IN U.S."

2. ARTICLE QUOTES CHAIRMAN OF RIVERS SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, REV. C.T. T. GEORGE, WHO HAS "DIRECTED" RSG MEDICAL SCHOLARS "WHO ARE NOT YET QUALIFIED AS DOCTORS TO DO ONLY A FIRST DEGREE COURSE AND HEAD BACK HOME." REV. GEORGE ALSO REPORTEDLY "HINTED THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS OF STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY MEDICINE IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES ARE CANCELLED."

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3. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT RE ABOVE AND ANY

INFORMATION REGARDING ANY COMMUNICATION AS DESCRIBED
FROM ANY U.S. SOURCE TO ANY AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS. ALSO,
BRIEF STATEMENT OF ADMISSION POLICIES OF U.S. MEDICAL SCHOOLS
RE PERCENTAGES OF ADMISSIONS (FOR ALL STUDENTS, NOT ONLY
AFRICANS) WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY OBVIOUS
LOCAL MISUNDERSTANDING.

4. SENDING COPY ARTICLE TO CU/YSS.

5. APRIL 27 EDITORIAL SAME NEWSPAPER DRAWS CONCLUSION THIS
NEW POLICY IN RETALIATION FOR ANTI-AMERICAN
FEELINGS RESULTION FROM U.S. ANGOLAN POLICY.

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